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PROBLEMS -- POPULATION GROWTH AND ADEQUATE FOOD PRODUCTION

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1 ONE OF FIRST PRIORITIES OF BAGAZA GOVERNMENT IS
TO INCREASE AGRICULTURAL PRODUCTION. PRESSURE ON
CULTIVABLE LAND IS INTENSE IN BURUNDI, AND IT IS
GENERALLY RECOGNIZED GOVERNMENT MUST UNDERTAKE
MEASURES TO ALLEVIATE SITUATION OR OTHERWISE UNTENABLE
CROWDING WITHIN SPACE OF FEW YEARS. U.S. AID PROGRAM
AND OTHER DONOR ASSISTANCE DESIGNED TO AID IN THIS
PROCESS, AND IN MY CONVERSATIONS WITH PRESIDENT AND
OTHER GRB LEADERS THEY NEVER FAIL TO UNDERLINE IMPORTANCE
WHICH THEY ATTACH TO INCREASING AGRICULTURAL OUTPUT.
DEALOGUE SUGGESTED PARA 6 REXGEL B IS A FACT A
CENTRAL ELEMENT IN OUR RELATIONS WITH BURUNDI.

2. FAMILY PLANNING IS MORE SENSITIVE MATTER. GRB
SWARE THAT 2.5 PERCENT ANNUAL INCREASE IN POPULATION
IS LITTLE SHORT OF DISASTROUS. BURUNDI ALREADY
ONE OF MOST DENSELY POPULATED AFRICAN STATES.
UNION OF BURUNDI WOMEN, WOMEN'S BRANCH OF COUNTRY'S
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MCVILITICAL PARTY, HAS HYPD SEVERAL SEMINARS ON
EDUCATING WOMEN IN NATURAL BIRTH REGULATION METHODS
(DISCUSSION OF MENSTRUAL CYCLES, ETC.). IN INITIATIVE
STAGES OF AID PROGRAM WE PRESENTED TO GRB PROJECT
DESIGNED TO PROMOTE RURAL HEALTH STANDARDS AND
EVENTUALLY KNOWLEDGE OF BIRTH CONTROL METHODS. FOR
THE TIME BEING, HOWEVER, WE AS WELL AS OTHER DONORS

HAVE BEEN UNABLE TO ACHIEVE GRB ACCEPTANCE OF SUCH
PROGRAM. WHILE THERE IS LITTLE NEED TO FOCUS
GOVERNMENT'S ATTENTION ON PROBLEM, WE TRY IN
DISCUSSIONS TO OVERCOME GRB'S RELUCTANCE TO PERMIT
FOGSGNERS TO BECOME INVOLVED IN WHAT IS RATHER
DELICATE DOMESTIC MATTER BECAUSE OF ETHNIC TENSIONS
AND FUNDAMENTAL CULTURAL IMPORTANCE OF FEMALE
FERTILITY.
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